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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER GIVES PRIVATE ASSURANCES
OF HIS CONTINUED REGARD FOR THE UNITED STATES
AND AMERICANS

1. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER REPRESENTED THE EMBASSY TODAY AT A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ASSOCIATION AT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED A VIDEO TAPE RECORDER DONATED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR HIS LITERACY CAMPAIGN. IN HIS REMARKS, MANLEY JOKED THAT HE HOPED THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT DECLARE HIM PERSONA NON GRATA

2. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE ASIDE AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WISHED TO ASSURE HIM, EMBASSY AND PRIVATE AMERICANS THAT HIS RECENT ACTION WAS, AS HE HAD PUBLICLY STATED, NOT AN ANTI-AMERICAN GESTURE BUT AN ACTION HE REGRETTED VERY MUCH TAKING. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT HE HAD NO ILL FEELINGS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR ITS PEOPLE. "WE VERY MUCH VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," HE SAID.

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3. HE ADDED THAT WHEN THE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
MADE THE SAME POINT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IT WAS ON
HIS INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED
HIS CABINET TO WASTE NO OPPORTUNITY TO LET THEIR
AMERICAN CONTACTS KNOW OF HIS FEELINGS. SLATER

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